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Letter dated 30 August 2001 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly shall submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered these requests and the reasons for them, has no objection, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected, and that every effort would be made to make more efficient use of conference services.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Executive Board of

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the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Abdelmalek **Bouhhedou**
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